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### The Bachelor's Burial.

[From the Rambler.]  
 Not a word was heard, not a pensive note, As our friend to the burial we hurried, Not a word discharged a farewell shot For a bachelor about to be married.

To think that a bachelor, free and light, And shy of the girls as we found him, Should leave by the altar at dead of night, He caught in the snare that bound him.

We married him daintily at dead of night, But he made from the altar a sudden start, And we sighed as we stood in the lamp's dim light.

To think how many were discerning, Few and short were the prayers we said, As we watched his wistful eyes, Then he started from his home from the scene of death.

And heartily ate of the cake, We sighted him as he followed his lady led Of the bride, the bride and the widow, From the church and a poker would break over his head.

And the tears he would shed on his pillow, Says he, "they'll talk of me as I'm gone, But I'll talk of them as they let me alone, But I'll talk of them as they let me alone."

Slowly and sadly we marched us down From the top of that splendid story, And we never have seen or heard of the man Whom we left (not alone) in his glory.

PETER D. LARK

### A LETTER FROM MR. BOGY.

Reflections in the Senate Chamber at the close of the Centennial Year.  
 [St. Louis Times.]  
 As the year is about expiring and I am detained in my room by bad weather, and the streets of this city are impassable, I have concluded to write you a few lines rather of a mediative character. It is a cause of profound regret that the end of the Centennial year of our great republic should be surrounded not only with present calamity and political troubles, but that the future should be so gloomy. It is nearly two months since the presidential election, and nearly one month since Congress has been in session, and yet no one can tell who has been elected to the chief magistracy of the country by the sovereign people. While this statement is made very often by everybody, yet is not the fact notorious that Tilden was truly and honestly elected? Is there any doubt about this?

TWO THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE of this country are entitled to this fact? Yet, while this is so, a few men impelled alone by a spirit of party are able to keep the question in doubt—and, therefore, inflict great pecuniary loss on the business community. Where is the remedy to come from, and who can administer it?

As a public man I have tried to do my duty in this emergency, and have trained myself to look hopefully to the source of all power for the remedy yet, while indulging in this patriotic hope, yet, and the idea of March are not far ahead. Great as the pecuniary sacrifices are which are forced on the people of this country, yet, this could be borne, however hard, at the same time a fatal wound was not inflicted on our political system. Indeed both will go down together in one common and dishonorable grave, and without the Christian's hope of resurrection, if the conspiracy which has been hatched to force on this country as its chief magistrate a man not elected by the people, is permitted by their apathy to be successful. Men of means, and the so-called capitalist of this country need not flatter themselves in the belief that they will escape the catastrophe. It will be like a maelstrom on the dark coast of Norway—everything will be engulfed. If it should be a fact that the choice of the people can be defeated by the means now being employed to accomplish this end, the question naturally presents itself, WHERE IS THE END TO BE?

and in whose hands will power be hereafter? This ought not to be a difficult question to answer. We have not alone the unbroken flow of history, but common sense to give this answer. It had men triumph, had men will retain and remain in power. And another fact should not be overlooked—that one party will be as great a sufferer as the other.

I have hoped since my arrival here that these plain questions would naturally present themselves to the minds of the people of all parties and of all sections, and that long before this time they would have given expression, in a way not to be misunderstood, of their determination to maintain their constitutional rights. I have hoped that the press, that powerful engine named by Junius the "palladium of liberty," would long since have spoken in one voice, and that so loud as not to be misunderstood, and with a ring so shrill as to reach the plotters in the deep recess where they are now hiding themselves. Hopeful as I have been in the good sense and devotion to constitutional liberty of the great mass of the people of this country, yet I must confess to some disappointments. I have not heard the loud and general expression, either from the people or the press, which I had expected. It is much to be regretted that a large portion of the people, particularly the business portion, and more so in the East than the West, look upon this question in the light of Tilden sustained by the right, but war or trouble on the one side, and Hayes with the triumph of wrong and fraud, but peace on the other. My conviction is the very reverse of this. The inauguration of Mr. Tilden would

### THE TRIUMPH OF THE RIGHT.

and would, in my estimation, lead to immediate and very great prosperity. It would be the beginning of a new era—Louisiana and other States now afflicted with such fearfully bad local governments, would, as by magic and the move of Aladdin's lamp, be immediately blessed with peace, which would be at once followed by prosperity. The peace and prosperity of the South is the commercial prosperity of the North. With a capacity of production of more than three hundred millions annually, it would afford to the North a market without an equal in the balance of the world. Much might be said on this head, but as I don't wish to make my letter too long, I will leave intelligent readers to supply what I have omitted. Although a pronounced Tilden man, and a Democrat of the strictest sect, yet, I know myself, I am not on this question in the least influenced by the party. As I said in the speech I made in the Senate a few days ago, and which was published in your paper of the 27th, party sinks, and I see

THE MAJESTIC PROPORTIONS OF MY COUNTRY. Can it be possible that the fates have allotted to this grand republic a duration of only one hundred years? I cannot believe it. The good men of our State without distinction of party ought to come together, and in meetings or a convention at St. Louis or Jefferson City, give expression to their convictions. Able and firm resolutions asserting the true constitutional rights of the people should be adopted, and sent to this city to be presented to Congress. In my opinion

—in the people, the head and source of all power, and it is to them I look.

The joint committee, composed of several members from each house, is in daily session. They hold sittings in their hands

THE FATE OF THE COUNTRY. I am not without hopes of a good result. Without intending to convey the idea that these men could be influenced to do wrong by any expressed public sentiment, nevertheless, it is natural to believe that they might be encouraged to do right, particularly wherein doing so they will meet with serious and determined opposition. The good book tells us that Moses held up his hands upon the mountains when Israel overcame Amalek, and in this way kept up their courage. So in this case, let the people hold up their hands, and as of old, the good people will overcome the bad.

The St. Louis Republican, of the 27th ult., publishes a malignant little article about me, taken from the Nation, a paper published in this city. This paper pretends to be independent, but is really a Republican sheet in disguise; and, as I am not willing to be subjected to black mail, I am consequently a subject of abuse. The Republican, to gratify a feeling of personal malice towards me, gives the article all the circulation it can, so as to injure me at home. I care nothing about this, and I only mention it to call the attention of the State to the unworthy motives influencing that paper.

I am, your friend,  
 LEWIS V. BOGY.

### SENATOR CONKLING'S SPEECH.

Showing that he will Rise Above Party in the Present Political Crisis.  
 [New York Sun, Jan. 5th.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In presenting the petition of the New York merchants and bankers on the political crisis in the Senate to-day, Mr. Conkling said: "I have been requested to present a petition, weighty by reason of the subject to which it relates, and by reason also of the number and character of those who sign it. The petitioners are citizens of New York, distinguished not only for their prominence as members of society, but for the large and varied interests they represent. They are men prominent in each of the great political parties of the country. I observe among the signatories, names which at the recent Presidential election were found on opposing electoral tickets. I observe the names of eminent bankers, merchants, manufacturers, shipowners, scholars, professional men, and other names long and honorably associated with leading enterprises and industries. It would be difficult to select in any State in the Union one hundred and fifty individuals and firms who represent a greater sum of property, intelligence, and character, or who, as petitioners, deserve more consideration. The petition is brief, and I will read it."

Mr. Conkling then read the petition and continued: "In laying this petition before the Senate, it may not be amiss to add an avowal of my sympathy with its appeal for order, law, and patriotic action. In executing the Constitution in any instance, and especially in an instance so grave as the one referred to, partisan feeling has no place. Obedience to law, observance of the Constitution, and the maintenance of truth is not a party question or proceeding; it is beyond party and above party. Parties may contend, and I believe it is wholesome in a free Government that parties should contend, over measures and candidates, but when the

### Scientific Progress.

Professor Draper, in his admirable survey of American scientific progress in this country during the past hundred years, administers a deserved rebuke to those croakers who complain that we have done nothing, but who "mistake what is merely a blank in their own information for a blank of reality." During a comparatively recent period we have made a coast survey unsurpassed in extent and excellence in the world's history, geological surveys of many of our States and Territories, explorations into the Arctic and Antarctic zones, the Italy Land, the interior of Africa, and parts of South America, have established and maintain a meteorological system not surpassed, probably not equaled in the world, have contributed largely to astronomical science, not only by private discoveries, but also by national expeditions as in the transit of Venus, have put in motion the electric telegraph, and have made contributions in applied science and art which the lecturer found it impossible to epitomize even in an hour's lecture. Notable is the fact that these results have been obtained largely by private enterprise, with less assistance from government and less patronage from a wealthy few than in any European country.

### Pleasures of Life.

It is an old comparison—that of pleasure and the will o'-the-wisp, but none the less true, for all that. Pleasure does not lie in the future; it is with us, but too often we do not realize its near vicinity, and do not understand that life yields other hopes of happiness than that yielded by making the best of things. The delights of life, like pleasant weather through the year, are scattered all along the way, and unless we enjoy them as they come, the opportunity once past never returns. It is all very well to provide for a rainy day, but that man is very foolish who allows himself to be soaked by drenching rains that he may save his umbrella for some possible future storm. Pleasure taking is not nearly so much provided for among our earnest, intense, energetic American people as it should be. We live altogether too much in the future, too little in the present. We live poor that we may die rich. We get all ready to be happy, and when we are quite ready, infirmity or disease or death step in, and the chance to take comfort in this life is gone. If we only could be content to seize upon the little pleasures that lie just outside and often within our daily pathway, they would make a large sum total at the end of the three-score and ten. For too many at our season pleasures that are cheap and near and within our grasp, and complain because we cannot have such as are costly and remote and inaccessible. But if we would magnify the little things that make life pleasant as we do those that make it unpleasant, the cup of our joys would continually overflow.

### Keep Straight Ahead.

Pay no attention to slanderers and gossip-mongers. Keep straight on in your course and let their backbiting die the death of neglect. What is the use of yawning awake of nights brooding over the remark of some false friend, that runs through your brain like lightning? What is the use of getting into a worry and fret over gossip that has been set afloat to your disadvantage by some meddling busybody, who has more time than character? These things cannot possibly injure you, unless, indeed, you take notice of them, and in combating them give them standing and character. If what is said about you is true, set yourself right; if it is false, let it go for what it will fetch. If a bee sting you, would you go to the live to destroy it? Would not a thousand come upon you? It is wisdom to say little respecting injuries you have received. We are generally losers in the end if we stop to retaliate all of the backbiting and gossiping we may hear by the way. They are annoying, it is true, but not dangerous, so long as we do not stop to expostulate and avenge. Our characters are formed and sustained by ourselves, by our own actions and pursuits, and not by others. Let us always bear in mind that "calumniators may usually be trusted to time and the slow but steady justice of public opinion." And oh! how much evil designers fear public opinion.

### A Delusion.

A young man who thinks he can lead a reckless and profligate life until he becomes a middle-aged man, and then repent and make a good and steady citizen, is deluded by the devil. He thinks that people are fools, destitute of memory. He concludes that if he repeats everybody will forget that he was a dissipated wretch. This is not the case; people remember your bad deeds and forget your good ones. Besides, it is no easy thing to break upon middle-aged bad habits that have been formed in youth. When a worse contracts the habit of drinking, he generally retains it through life. He will often perform well enough until the wheels get into a deep hole, and then he slips and holds back. Just so it is with the boys who contract bad habits. They will sometimes leave off their bad tricks, and do well enough until they get in to tight place, and then they return to the old habit. Of those boys who contract the bad habit of drunkenness, not one in every hundred dies a sober man. The only way to break up a bad habit is never to contract it. The only way to prevent drunkenness is never to drink.

[Philadelphia Times, Jan. 4.]  
 Slowly, but surely, all roads leading to the temples of peace and justice for the solution of the Presidential issue. On Tuesday two advanced strikes were made in the determined assault of the honest people of all parties upon the brands of irresponsible return boards. In New York a district that could give a Democratic candidate 1,200 majority in a favorable tide, elected David Dudley Field, an avowed Hayes man, to Congress by 3,419 over a strong regular Republican, who was understood to favor the policy of Grant, Cameron and Morton in deciding a Presidential election; and to-day the ablest of the Hayes Republicans in New York will be in the House to demand that the candidate against whom he voted shall be inaugurated because he was honestly elected. It is an overwhelming expression of the people that there is no party anywhere outside of the few unscrupulous followers of the national administration that wants a President against the decision of the ballot-box. From Florida there comes an ad condition that the people will well understand and that the country will respect. In defiance of the falsified results of the Stearns Return Board declaration Hayes and Stearns successful the Republican Supreme Court has unanimously decreed a just computation; and certificate of the vote, just as the Republican Supreme Court of South Carolina did, and instead of bayonets rushing to overturn the law, the pretender, Stearns, has been left to himself, and the entire Tilden State Ticket was peacefully inducted into office without even protest from the heroes of the carpet-bag rebellion. A Tilden Governor, State officers and Legislature in both branches, are confessedly the legally and honestly qualified officials of Florida, and the organs of Stearns now tell the truth and declare that the State voted for Tilden. Thus, slowly but surely, is justice asserting its omnipotence, and there will be law and peace in Washington on the 4th of March next.

A pastor out West, was in the habit of bestowing a kiss upon the lips of his female parishioners. He kissed the wife of an editor, who, desirous of equalizing bounties, bestowed a kiss upon the young wife of the aforesaid pastor. The editor went to his home that night a wiser man with about two inches of parasol in his left eye.











